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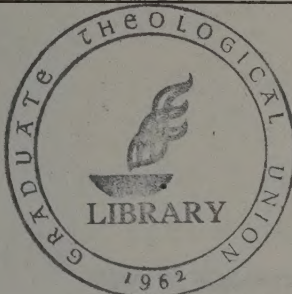
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### HISPANICS ENVISION CHURCHWIDE REPORT

NEW YORK -- Following a General Convention mandate, a nationwide report on Episcopal Hispanic ministry is being prepared for presentation to the Church's Executive Council early next year.

At its September, 1979, meeting in Colorado, the Convention had asked each diocese of the Church to undertake a survey of Hispanic ministries. The National Commission on Hispanic Ministry -- a subcommittee of the Council's National Mission in Church and Society section -- agreed to expand and support that request by designing the survey instruments and shaping the final report.

The Commission chairman, the Rev. Leo Frade of New Orleans and Hispanic Ministry Staff Officer, the Rev. Herbert Arrunategui, and a task force are putting together questionnaires, searching out models and preparing the audio-visual aspects that they hope will give the Council a full report of the human and financial resources in use where there are Hispanic ministries and, according to Arrunategui, "get the attention of those dioceses where there is not" such work.

Bishops, ordained and lay ministers, seminarians and Church institutions will be surveyed, but Arrunategui hopes that the final project will be more than simply statistics. "We hope to show Hispanics speaking for themselves, concerned for the lack of ministry and concerned for the brothers and sisters."

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